tain and keep with you notorious persons e ther for hfe or behaviour, and desperate debtors ^\ho never come abroad but at these times , pettifoggers and \ipers of the Commonwealth , prolling and common solicitors that set dissension between man and man, and men of the like condition to these These her Majesty earnestly wisheth a law may be made against, as also that no member of this Parliament would entertain or bolster up any men of the like humour or quality, on pain ol her Majesty's displeasure *

For his excuse of the House and himself, Mr Speaker s suffi- ciency had so oftentimes been approved before her, that she doubted not of his sufficient discharge of the place he should serve in ' Wherein/ quoth he, * she willeth you to have a special regard not to make new and idle laws, and trouble the House with them, but rather look to the abridging and repealing of divers obsolete and superfluous statutes , as also first to take in hand matters of greatest moment and consequence In doing thus, Mr Speaker, you shall fulfil her Majesty's com- mandment, do your country good, and satisfy her Highness's expectation' Which being said, the Speaker made three reverences to her Majesty

After which room being made the Queen passing through the Commons to go to the great chamber graciously offered her hand to the Speaker to kiss it, but not one word she spake unto him And as she went through the Commons, very few said * God save your Majesty,' as they are wont in all great assemblies And so she returned back again to Whitehall by water.

Then the Speaker with the rest of the Commons returned back to their own House, the Sergeant of the

Honse carrying the mace before him Here, after some good pause, Mr Speaker did signify unto the members of the House that her Majesty's pleasure was that this Parliament should be a short Parliament, and therefore she willed that members of the House should not spend the time in frivolous, vain and un-necessary motions and arguments ; and further showed that her Highness did purpose that the members of the House should have convenient scope to repair home before Christmas for her Majesty's better service in then- countries